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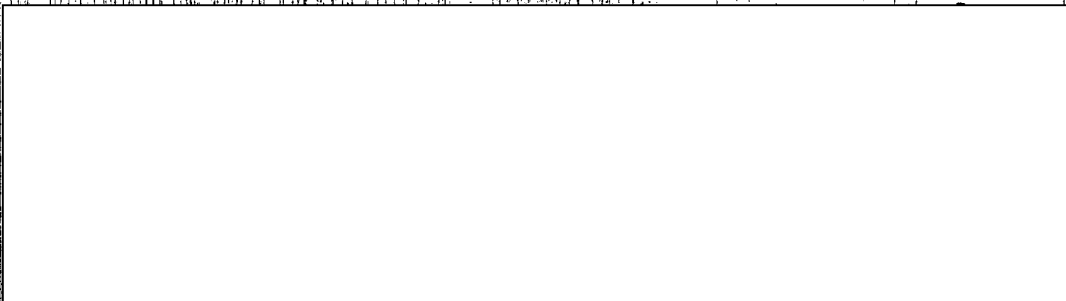
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New Government Formed in Greece

The new Greek government formed yesterday by Prime Minister Karamanlis is made up of older technocrats and veteran politicians--most are over 60--drawn only from his New Democracy Party.

Holdovers from the previous cabinet include Foreign Minister Bitsios, a career diplomat who replaced George Mavros in that post only recently, and Minister of Defense Averoff and Minister of Public Order Gikas, both of whom have good relations with the military. The key posts of interior and finance are held by individuals who can be expected to do Karamanlis' bidding, and the politicians who might be less amenable appear to have been given lesser positions. It is a cabinet unlikely to challenge Karamanlis' authority or send off mixed signals, as was the case when George Mavros was foreign minister.

Meanwhile, the opposition parties that Karamanlis defeated so handily are blaming each other for their poor showing. The communist United Left and Mavros' Center Union-New Forces claim that Andreas Papandreou's new Panhellenic Socialist Movement (PASOK) drew votes from their constituency on the left. PASOK, which received 13 percent of the vote in the election, has accused the left and Center Union of contributing to New Democracy's victory by giving Karamanlis moral support.

[REDACTED] Papandreou's reckless rhetoric during the final week of the campaign drove undecided middle class voters seeking a calmer political atmosphere into the Karamanlis camp. [REDACTED] Papandreou's poor showing as an indication of Greek unwillingness to accept his program for a

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socialist, nonaligned Greece, outlined as it was in the lurid language of class warfare and conspiracy. Papandreu's political future does not now appear promising. He will have to develop a program to attract more middle class support if he is to widen his constituency to include more than students, radicalized workers and intellectuals.

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